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Division III February Webinar 2025 Convention Recap

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Agenda

- 2025 Convention Legislation.
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- Noncontroversial Legislation.
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Convention Updates



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2025 NCAA Convention Legislative Proposals

Proposal Number	Proposal	Results	Vote
EM-2025-1	Transfer – Academic Year in Residence	Ratified	435-19-8
2025-1	Composition of SAAC	Adopted	459-2-2
2025-2	Size of a Multisport Conference	Adopted	406-54-2
2025-3	Amend Legislative Process	Adopted	455-3-3
2025-4	Federated Playing Rules	Adopted	453-12-0
2025-5	Membership waiver	Adopted	410-44-6
2025-6	W Wrestling National Collegiate Championship	Adopted	447-0-17



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Referral – Graduated Student Proposal

- The Presidents Council sent the proposal that would provide an exception for students that graduated from the DIII institution back to the Management Council.
- The Management Council referred the proposal to the Membership Committee for its review and possible recommendation.
- Management Council will review recommendations during its Spring 2025 meeting.



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Noncontroversial Legislation

Management Council approved in final format the following:

- Creation of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.
- Eliminate the 48-Hour limit for student-athletes to receive expenses while trying out with a professional team.
- Clarify the definition and application of intercollegiate competition in Bylaws 14 and 17.
- Require all terms on a DIII committee be four-years, including presidents/chancellors.
- Permit the endocrinologist on CSMAS be “on staff” at a member institution or a member of the “general public”.



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Federated Playing Rules

- In October, the Management Council implemented three actions:
 - Develop a policies and procedures document.
 - Develop a standard orientation for the committee members involved in the process.
 - Create a subcommittee of the Management Council.
- Current sports in a rules change year: football, wrestling, m. & w. basketball, w. lacrosse, softball and swimming/diving.



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Championship Updates

- The Division III President Council approved funding for the 2028 women's basketball championship to be part of the Division I and II championship in Indianapolis.
- The Championships Committee did not support the request to extend the soccer championships by one week. The committee noted increased burden on institutional staff and facilities and feedback from the Management Council.
- The committee will begin a comprehensive review of the dates of all DIII championships beginning in February 2025.



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Live Streaming

- Live streaming of Fall team championships.
 - 210 DIII championships were live streamed for free.
 - 11.5 million minutes of live content verse 2.3 million in 2023.
 - DIII men's soccer largest audience (10,419 unique viewers).
 - Field hockey promoted via NCAA Fan Database. 158% increase.
- Live streaming 2025-26 Football championships and minimum camera requirement.
 - Collecting feedback about changing camera minimum.



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Coaches Connect Program

- The Championships Committee and Management Council endorsed the continued development of a program to help improve engagement and education of Division III coaches.
- Timeline for consideration and possible implementation:
 - January – Management Council reviewed and provided feedback.
 - January – Commissioners and NADIII AA executive leadership will review and provide feedback.
 - Spring 2025 – MC will consider, and if approved, will identify three sports, one per season, to implement Fall 2025.
 - Summer 2026 - evaluate program.



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Mental Health Partnership

- Presidents Council approved funding for the division to enter into a partnership with Mental Health First Aid to provide mental health training to all Division III head coaches and athletics trainers.
- Provides a three-year certification.
- Provides a pathway for new staff to receive the training.
- Identified as a priority by the membership and external Deloitte review.
- Anticipate a March 1 launch through Aug. 1, 2027.



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PC Futures Subcommittee

- Presidents Council created the subcommittee to assist with the implementation of the recommendations and opportunities identified in the Deloitte review.
- The Presidents Council is clarifying the subcommittee's role and how it will work with the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and the Management Council.
- The subcommittee will report to the Presidents Council.



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Athletics Communications Working Group

- The working group is revising the Division III Guide to Athletics Communication on Campus.
- The guide provides Division III institutions with guidance to best support their athletics communication personnel.
- The working group is collaborating with the College Sports Communicators on a membership survey to inform its work.
- Anticipate releasing the updated guide by Summer 2025.



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LGBTQ OneTeam Program

- The [OneTeam Program](#) is designed to help institutions and conferences recognize the importance of LGBTQ inclusion in college athletics; identify best practices and strategies for inclusion and develop facilitation and presentation skills.
- The OneTeam program has been enhanced and revised including an updated logo (Sept. 2024) and the training of new facilitators. (Dec. 2024)



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Sports Betting

- The councils and national SAAC continue to discuss current NCAA sports betting legislation.
- The topic also was discussed at the DIII Presidents and Chancellors Forum and PC/MC/SAAC Joint Breakfast.
- Continued emphasis on a need to support the membership with educational resources to implement harm reduction strategies.



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